

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0042] with the following amended paragraph:

[0042] The preferred fusing technique is electron beam welding, especially for more temperature-sensitive materials, such as copper alloys. The penetration depth of weld (shown generally at 69) is much greater than with laser welding, and the heat-affected zone is small compared to other fusing techniques. Since the process is done in a vacuum chamber, the integrity of the weld 69 produced is very good.